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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appeal Nos.: **2010-003182 and 2010-004933**

Serial Nos.: 10/766,652 and 10/766,654

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REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE
THE ORAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2010

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Chief Clerk of the Board:

Appellant respectfully requests that the Chief Clerk reschedule the oral hearings for Appeal Nos. 2010-003182 and 2010-004933 (collectively "the Oral Hearings" or "the Appealed Applications") from November 16, 2010 to a date after January 1, 2011.

If the Oral Hearings are conducted on November 16, 2010, they will conflict with Appellant's representatives', John Murnane and Alicia Russo, preparation for a prior scheduled patent infringement trial in the United States District Court in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ("the Philadelphia Trial").

On or about November 22, 2010, John Murnane and Alicia Russo are scheduled to relocate from their New York offices to Philadelphia for several weeks to represent another client at the Philadelphia Trial. John Murnane is the lead attorney for that trial. Prior to their departure on or about November 22, 2010, significant preparations that are already underway are required. Examples of those preparations include: preparing for, taking and defending numerous

expert witness depositions from October 19th through November 5th, preparing and serving supplemental interrogatory responses on or about October 22nd, preparing and filing Pretrial Memoranda on or before November 12th, preparing and filing Motions in Limine on or before November 16, 2010, preparing and filing responses to opposing counsel's Motions in Limine on or before November 22, 2010, preparing and exchanging witness lists and exhibits with opposing counsel prior to trial, preparing for direct and cross-examination of witnesses prior to trial, and preparing witnesses prior to trial. Several of these deadlines have been set by Court Order.

Accordingly, Appellant's representatives face a significant burden of preparing for the Philadelphia Trial, and—at the same time—also preparing for and attending the Oral Hearings on November 16, 2010 in Alexandria, VA.

Even though the law firm of Appellant's representatives employs many patent attorneys in addition to John Murnane and Alicia Russo, Appellant believes that John Murnane and Alicia Russo are the best equipped to appear before the Board on behalf of Appellant because they drafted, filed and prosecuted the Appealed Applications. In addition, they have prosecuted numerous other applications for Appellant, and they are well versed in Appellant's inventions, products and operations. In short, John Murnane and Alicia Russo have directly handled the entire life of the Appealed Applications, and both possess unique knowledge that would be difficult, if not impossible, to impart to another attorney.

In view of the above, Appellant believes that a genuine docketing conflict exists between the Oral Hearings and the Philadelphia Trial. Since scheduling of the Oral Hearings occurred after the Philadelphia Trial's schedule was ordered by the Court, Appellant respectfully requests that the Chief Clerk reschedule the Oral Hearings to a date after January 1, 2011, at which time the Philadelphia Trial is expected to have concluded.

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